

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-14 and 23-34 as indicated below.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 15-18 and 22 as indicated below.

Please add new claims 35-38 as indicated below.

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for administration to animals ~~including comprising~~ a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of:

- (a) ~~at least one anti-inflammatory agent selected from the group comprising:~~  
  - ~~i)-green-lipped mussel extract (GLME), or a pharmacologically active green~~  
lipped mussel product, or both; ~~and~~
- (b) ~~ii) shark cartilage, pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract, or both; with~~
- (b) ~~at least one enhancing agent selected from the group of:~~
- (c) ~~i)-a bark product or bark extract, exhibiting antioxidant properties; and,~~
- (d) ~~ii) shark cartilage~~ a selection of vitamins and minerals;  
and wherein ~~the for a composition, upon administration to an animal, exhibits an~~  
enhanced anti-inflammatory effect compared with each component administered individually  
~~including just one member from each group, the selected members must be different.~~

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said bark product or bark extract is derived from pine bark ~~anti-inflammatory agent is either or both of shark cartilage and pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract in combination with any one or more of:~~  
a bark extract, chondroitin sulphate, and a chondroitin compound.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 2, which includes deer velvet or a pharmacologically active extract thereof.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 2, wherein the vitamins and minerals are selected from the group consisting of ~~which also includes any one or more of the following~~ components:

a vitamin C, vitamin D3, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, niacin, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, glycine, lysine, methionine, glutamic acid, tyrosine, manganese, zinc, iron, magnesium, selenium, calcium, copper, potassium, cobalt and pharmaceutically acceptable forms thereof.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 2, formulated to be suitable for treating any one or more of the following conditions in animals: inflammation, arthritis and chronic joint pain.

16. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 2, manufactured into a dosage form selected from the group consisting of a bolus, a tablet, a capsule, a slow release implant, a liquid composition, a gel, a paste and combinations thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 2, which is formulated for use with non-human mammals.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for treating joint problems in non-human animals consisting of the administration of composition of claim 1 2.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, in which the method of administration is oral.

20-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~a human~~ an animal suffering from one or more conditions selected from inflammation, degenerative joints, cartiligenous degeneration, reduced joint mobility, and gastrointestinal sensitivity or irritation, by administering a composition comprising: ~~two or more of~~

(a) ~~(i)~~ a green-lipped mussel extract (GLME), a pharmacologically active green lipped mussel product, or both;

(b) ~~(ii)~~ shark cartilage, pharmacologically active shark cartilage extract, or both; ~~and~~

(c) ~~(iii)~~ ~~an antioxidant bark extract~~ a bark product or bark extract exhibiting antioxidant properties; and

(d) a selection of vitamins and minerals,

whereby the composition, upon administration to an animal, exhibits provides an anti-inflammatory effect compared with the effect provided by each component administered individually.

23-34. (Canceled)

35. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition exhibits a depot effect when administered over a time period of 3 or more weeks.

36. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as a tablet containing:

(a) 175mg of green lipped mussel extract;

(b) 100 mg shark cartilage;

(c) 5 mg of pine bark extract; and

(d) trace quantities of vitamins and minerals comprising: vitamin C, vitamin D3, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, niacin, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, glutamic acid, glycine, lysine, methionine, tyrosine, potassium, cobalt, manganese, zinc, iron, magnesium, selenium, calcium, and copper.

37. (New) The composition of claim 36 wherein the composition also comprises 25 mg of deer velvet.

38. (New) The composition of claim 36 formulated to be suitable for addressing any one or more of the following conditions in animals: inflammation, arthritis and chronic joint pain.